



"Ponder the Path of thy Feet and let all thy Ways be Established." Prov. 4-26.

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## ANSWER

TO QUESTION Asked  
NO. 42.

"Why did God give the Jews, (Israelites) the Spirit of slumber." As it reads:

"(According as it is written, God hath given them the Spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear; unto this day." (Rom. 11-8.)

"According as it is written," what part of the scripture did Paul have reference to when he used the above statement. And we would have to ask you to read the following, in order to know:

"And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed." (Isa 6-9-10.)

Yes Paul had reference to the

scriptures above quoted. And in them we learn that God commanded that their eyes should be closed—And Paul says God did close them—But we find that Paul and Isaiah were not the only ones spoke on this point—For we find that St. John speaks out in plain terms and says:

"Therefore they could not believe, because that Isaiah said again,

He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them." (St. John 12-40-49.)

After those scriptures are read, the ones who read must see that the Israelites were blinded. Then the next question would be—How were they blinded? And the answer is, Christ blinded their eyes by parables, as He said to his disciple in this language:

"And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them." (St. Mark 4-11-12.)

Yes he spoke to them in parables—By this means they heard him but could not understand; And for this reason he said to them:

"All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world." (St. Matt. 13-34-35.)

Now we have learned why Paul said that God give them the spirit of slumber. And also in what manner he gave them this spirit of slumber—It was by blinding their eyes by parables.

The next question then is, How long are they to be blinded, or how long are they to have the spirit of slumber? The Prophet Isaiah asked this question, when it was commanded that their eyes should be blinded, in this language:

"Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate." (Isa 6-11.)

"Then said I, Lord, how long? The answer follows in this language:

"Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate."

And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land." (Isa 6-11-12.)

While this answer is a correct one yet there are the many who could not understand just how long this would be, or just what time the prophet spoke of when the answer should be fulfilled—And to find out just when this time should be we shall ask the readers of the CRESSET to read this:

"And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land." (Isa 6-11-12.)

Now this confirms the destroying of the cities without inhabitants and it tells by whom they shall be destroyed, that is, by the Gentiles they shall tread the Holy city underfoot forty and two months.

This is not yet explicit so then we shall ask you to follow us to what Paul has said on this particular point of how long; please read:

"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits, that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." (Rom. 11-25.)

Then we learn that the question of the prophet is more fully answered by Paul. But even he did not answer the question fully—For he left some room for people to differ in opinions on his answer. But right here Luke comes up to the assistance of all who have spoken on this point and tells plainly how long it will be and just when the fulness of the Gentiles will come in; as Paul has said that their eyes shall be blinded just that long. So please read:

"And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive, into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (St. Luke 21-24.)

Now this tells the exact time when their eyes shall be opened; and that is when the fulness of the Gentiles comes in; and that will be when Jerusalem is built up again.

And we believe that, that time is near at hand, and one of the reasons for this belief is, that the Rothchilds have bought up all the land of Judea, and they are building up Jerusalem again as the following quotation will show.

THE FULFILLING OF THE  
PROMISE MADE TO ABRAHAM

Jews Flock Back to The Land of Their Fathers,  
Where Prophecies Are Coming to Pass.

"Beneath the crust of materialism that clothes the nineteenth century, a movement based upon faith is going

forward the like of which has never been seen before; the end of which means more to the world than any event in history, save that alone of the death of Christ.

From all the inhabited lands of the world the Jews are straggling back to Jerusalem, drawn constantly, like threads, from the tangled skein of humanity, to their promised inheritance. According to the best chronology, the millennium should fall some time between the present year and 1910, and it is the faith in the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies that they shall return to claim the inheritance promised by God to Abraham, that is drawing the Jews to the ancient city.

Their withdrawal from the midst of the nations has been so quiet that it was entirely unnoticed, but there are to-day in and about Jerusalem over 100,000 Jews, the largest number to be in the country at any one time during 1800 years. Indeed, it is larger than the numbers returning to Jerusalem, in accordance with the prophecy, after a bondage of seventy years in Babylon, in the time of Nehemiah and Ezra.

They are tilling the soil of the land, and the rain has increased so that even the Dead sea is reaching out its bitter, salt fingers over its brown and deserted sands for the acquisition of new territory.

The movement toward Jerusalem, the "homing" of the natives, is being directed by the great Jewish organization of "Zionists." The powerful bank that they have established to help the poor Jews back to the land of Canaan is in working order and probably has more funds today back of it than any other banking institution in the world.

In addition to helping the indigent Hebrew back to the promised land, it is the design of the Zionists, through the bank, to furnish funds to them with which to buy homes and farms, and finally, to buy the whole land of Syria from the Turks.

Twenty colonies have already been established. In regard to their name and what they have so far accomplished one of the colonists has the following to say:

The letter is dated March 28, 1899, and is directed to G. H. Greenshitt of Denver. The writer is Jacob Eliahu, a colonist.

"You, no doubt, pick up information here and there, which is not always correct," declares the writer, "For instance, as in case of the name 'Millennial,' which you apply to our colony."

"This name, indeed, we hope to make good, that even now none shall here hurt or destroy, and that God's will we shall do on earth, even as it is done in heaven. But no assumed name of 'Millennial' or 'Christian' will bring that about. It will only be accomplished by eradicating out of us what ever offends and prevents love and unity.

"The fig tree that Christ pointed out from which we were to learn, and which was to cause us to lift up our heads and unbend, we do, indeed, here notice is struggling out from under the down-treading heel of the Gentiles, so we know that summer—the change, the effects and results of what God in Christ has been doing—are now upon us. We see changes coming over Jerusalem.

"She is rebuilding upon her heaps," according to the descriptive lines and measurements spoken of by Jeremiah and Zechariah, and she is assuming proportions and an aspect which she has not possessed in 1800 years. We see the 'people of the land' having their

nests stirred up by God, in order that the mind 'shall be as the nations among whom we dwell,' so that more of the nation are now gathered here at present than returned in fulfillment of the prophecy that after seventy years they should be brought back by God from Babylon, at the time of Ezra and Nehemiah—the large number of over 100,000 being here now, a thing that has not taken place before in 1800 years. The desire to return and till the land of the fathers is upon them, and today over twenty colonies exist where thousands of Jews, make a living in the land of the fathers by tilling the soil. Lastly the 'latter rain' which God so frequently in the prophecies is spoken of as withholding, causing the land to be hot and barren, that the people might be made to consider their ways, and see wherefor the draught had been sent, so the Sabbath must be again observed has been falling as predicted.

The 'latter rain' was brought in the first month, which would be a sign to them that the reign of His Spirit was returning upon them. He has caused the rain to return upon the land, and on this day that I am writing to you the refreshing rains have been falling, restoring life and freshness to the crops and pastures, whilst the Jews are in the first month observing the Passover.

"During the last few years the rainfall has radically increased, and in so marked a manner as to affect the area of the Dead sea considerably. This was demonstrated at the last survey.

"The streets of the city have been rebuilt, roads which did not exist in the country have been constructed everywhere the stones have been gathered out of the fields and thrown upon the highways, the desolation of many generations has again been made inhabitable and inhabited, and the satisfaction about it all is that when the rebuilding shall follow the lines laid down and described by the prophet, it shall not be plucked up nor thrown down forever. When the fulfillment of the prophecy and the covenant is pointed out to the colonists, they are wonder-struck and say:

"If God is so fulfilling his word, who has fulfilled the conditions of the covenant?"

"There is but one answer: 'Christ.'"

"And thus, while the work of rebuilding Jerusalem and re-peopling the land with the people is going on, the colonists disclaim the name of 'millennial,' and only say, 'Wait until the work is completed. Then you shall see.'

"Perhaps in a few years the Mediterranean will be again rise with the commerce of the Phoenicians, of Tyre and Sidon, after a sleep of 2,600 years, and the Jews may again be a great nation."

This is plain evidence of the nearing of the fulfillment of the Gentiles. And we further believe that there was never a time that men has been removed so far away from the truth than now, by their own -pertinacious ways.

So may God hasten the time of the fulfillment of the Gentiles.

(To be Continued.)